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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application.

Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. A translation of the foreign language document(s) is not readily available.

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The documents submitted herewith were cited in a Search Report (copy enclosed) issued in a European application corresponding to the above-referenced application.

In addition to German Publication DE 199 159 83 A1 (corresponds to U.S. Patent 6,368,082, already of record), the following documents were cited:

U.S. Patent 3,832,084 (corresponds to German Publication DE 22 55 618 A which is discussed in the preamble of the specification) discloses a pivot for rotating molecular pump.

PCT Publication WO 99/20433 discloses a gas bearing turbo pump and gas bearing feedthrough.

French Publication No. 2,602,834 discloses a turbomolecular pump with a rotor (1) supported by gas bearings (14, 15) to which gas (compressed air) is supplied through an inlet channel (27) and evacuated through a common channel (19) and respective channels (21, 24).

A check in the amount of \$180 to cover the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

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